

# AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

*EST. JANUARY 1987*



83 COMPLETED SESSIONS  
2119 GRADUATES



*“UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION”*

The Citizen Police Academy was established in January 1987.

The Citizen Police Academy is a fourteen-week program designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Austin Police Department. Each session consists of weekly classes that meet at Austin Police Headquarters. The instruction is comprehensive, each week different units within the department are covered.

As of May 2015, 2,119 citizens have graduated from 83 classes. Classes are hosted two times a year at APD Headquarters, 715 E 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

- Class 84 is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Evening classes scheduled from September 8 – December 15, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Graduation is December 17, 2015. There are a few classes during the session that will not take place on Tuesdays.
- They are:
  - Monday, October 5, 2015 (due to National Night Out on Tues. Oct. 6, 2015)
  - Monday, November 2, 2015 (due to Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015)
  - Thanksgiving week (**NO CLASS**)

**Deadline to enroll is Friday, July 24, 2015**

### **Curriculum**

- Meet the Chief
- Recruiting
- APD Cadet Training
- Internal Affairs
- District Representatives
- Emergency Communications
- Response to Resistance
- Crisis Intervention
- Critical Incidents
- Forensics
- Organize Crime Division
- Human Trafficking
- Bomb Squad
- K-9
- S.W.A.T
- Air Operations
- Burglary
- Robbery
- Homicide
- Cold Case
- ARIC/INTEL
- Highway Enforcement/DWI
- Mounted Patrol/Animal Cruelty
- Lake Patrol

The slogan of the Citizen Police Academy is, “*Understanding through Education.*” The goal is to educate the public about the Austin Police Department and to increase the rapport between citizens and police officers.

We hope the graduates of the Citizen Police Academy become more aware and better informed about how the Police Department operates, and will encourage friends, coworkers and families to join the Austin Police Department in this rewarding program.

# Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of conducting a Citizen Police Academy?

**To give the public information on how the Police Department works and its policies and procedures, through a series of classes involving instruction by police officers.**

Where did the concept originate?

**The program originated in Orlando, Florida in 1984. Orlando was the first city in the United States to start a Citizen Police Academy.**

What was the Austin Police Department's incentive for starting a Citizen Police Academy?

**We feel the more information the public has about the police department, less fears and misconceptions will exist.**

When does the class meet?

**There are two Citizen Police Academy sessions per year. Students meet at Austin Police Department facilities. There will be a total of approximately Fifty Two (52) hours of instruction by police officers. All classes are free.**

Who attends the Citizen Police Academy?

**Students range from 18 years of age and above. We have architects, bankers, homemakers, students, retirees, teachers, neighborhood groups and professionals attending the classes.**

How do you apply?

**You must be at least 18 years old and live or work in the Austin area. Complete the Citizen Police Academy application and mail it to the address below. If you have any questions or need more information, call SPO Surei Scanlon, at (512) 974-9204.**

When are classes?

The Citizens Police Academy is offered two times a year at APD Headquarters.

You can choose from the following:

- Class 84, Fall Class of 2015
- Tuesday Evening classes scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 – Tuesday, December 15, 2015
- 5:30-9:30 p.m.
- Deadline to enroll for Class 84 is Friday, July 24, 2015

Mailing Address:  
**SPO Surei Scanlon  
Citizen Police Academy  
P.O. Box 689001  
Austin, Texas 78768-9001**

Email Address: [APDCPA@austintexas.gov](mailto:APDCPA@austintexas.gov)

**City of Austin  
Applicant Personal  
History Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp # **leave blank for now** \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant # **leave blank for now** \_\_\_\_\_  
ID Expiration Date: **leave blank for now** \_\_\_\_\_ Section Volunteer/Intern/Employed By (**leave blank for now**) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Occupation **leave blank for now**: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle  
Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Street City/State Zip Code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Social Security Number Driver's License Number State

Other Identification Numbers

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Scars/Marks/Tattoos/Amputations: \_\_\_\_\_

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I authorize City of Austin, Police Department's **Crime Records Section** to conduct a background investigation, to obtain any information relating to my activities from individuals, employers, criminal justice agencies, consumer reporting agencies, or other sources of information. This information may include, but is not limited to: criminal history record information. I authorize the agency conducting my investigation to disclose the record of my background investigation to the requesting agency for the purpose of making a determination of suitability or eligibility for the position I applied for.

**Applicant's Signature →**

**Date→**

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Record Check Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Emp #: \_\_\_\_\_

Results of History Check: APD # \_\_\_\_\_ No APD # \_\_\_\_\_

Warrant Check: Negative: \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

DPS Preliminary check: Negative \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

FBI Preliminary check: Negative \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

DPS Returns: Negative \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

FBI Returns: Negative \_\_\_\_\_ Positive: \_\_\_\_\_

APD number found contact Records Manager to report your findings.

DPS Return positive contact HR Supervisors.

Initialed off by Central Records Manager for TLETS access: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that weapons are not permitted on City Premises. Concealed Handgun License holders are not permitted to carry on City Premises.

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Source: 1992 Code Section 10-9-2(A); Ord. 031023-13; Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 050303-17.